

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Applicants originally submitted Claims 1-42 in the Application. In previous responses, the Applicants cancelled Claims 8 and 18 without prejudice or disclaimer, amended Claims 21 and 31, and submitted Claims 43-44 for examination. In the Final Rejection, the Examiner has indicated that Claims 21-42 are allowed. (See Examiner's Final Rejection, page 5.)

In order to expedite issuance of the application, the Applicants have canceled Claims 1-7, 9-17, 19-20 and 43-44 without prejudice or disclaimer. Accordingly, since each of the remaining pending Claims 21-42 have been allowed, the Applicants respectfully request issuance of the application.

I. Rejection of Claims 1-7, 9-17, 19-20 and 43-44 under 35 U.S.C. § 103

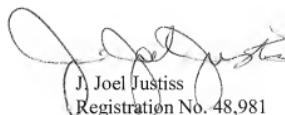
The Examiner has rejected Claims 1-7, 9-17, 19-20 and 43-44 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,807,581 to Starr, *et al.*, ("Starr") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,792,502 to Pandya, *et al.*, ("Pandya"). The rejection of these Claims, however, is now moot since Claims 1-7, 9-17, 19-20 and 43-44 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. As such, the Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw this rejection and issue allowance of the application.

II. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, all of the claims currently pending in this application have been allowed by the Examiner. The Applicants therefore earnestly solicit a Notice of Allowance for the application and all of the pending Claims 21-42.

The Applicants request the Examiner to telephone the undersigned attorney of record at (972) 480-8800 if such would further or expedite the prosecution of the present Application. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees, credits or overpayments to Deposit Account 12-2252.

Respectfully submitted,
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